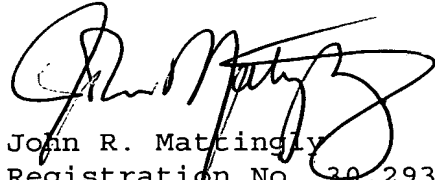


REMARKS

Claims 1-27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 28-46 are pending.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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